

RESERVISTS IN ACTION!

Shelton completes tour as VAW 78 OIC

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VAW 78 Public Affairs

Following tradition, CDR (Sel) Fred Shelton, Officer-in-Charge (OIC) of VAW-78, received a dousing from the squadron Maintenance Department after taking his last flight in the E-2C Hawkeye.

CDR (Sel) Shelton served as VAW-78 OIC from September 1999 to January 2001. He flew his first flight in the E-2C Hawkeye on 1 July, 1987 as a student Naval Flight Officer while assigned to VAW-110, the former E-2C West Coast E-2C Fleet Replacement Squadron based in Miramar, CA. Since then, CDR (Sel) Shelton has accumulated over 1,300 flight hours in the E-2C Hawkeye.

CDR (Sel) Shelton will be reporting to Bupers in Memphis, TN to serve as PERS 911. CDR (Sel) Shelton has been an outstanding OIC and will be greatly missed by the Fighting Escargots of VAW-78.



Reenlistment is in the air



Pictured left to right: LCDR John Huttendorf, LCDR Fred Shelton, AE1 Brooke Burd, LT Dave Phillips and LCDR Rob Remsing

On November 2nd, 2000, the Fighting Escargots of VAW-78 were honored to reenlist one of their own, Aviation Electricians Mate First Class Brooke F. Burd, in-flight aboard "Slug 01."

The flight departed NAS Norfolk and climbed to an altitude of 15,000 feet. Orbiting over Lake Drummond, AE1 Burd was given the flight controls of the mighty E-2C Hawkeye and allowed a chance to be "Pilot-for-a-day."

Meanwhile, the troops were gathered in maintenance control to witness the event live over the squadron base radio. VAW-78's Officer-in-Charge, LCDR Fred Shelton, read the oath of reenlistment, while AE1 Burd recited the oath over the radio.

The flight then returned back to NAS Norfolk for an uneventful landing. Congratulations of one of the Fighting Escargots finest!



NEWS RESERVES CAN USE

Military review underway by new administration

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able to attract and retain to man the forces, then we really don't have a national defense."

Rumsfeld said the review would address readiness as a quality of life issue as well as one of new equipment. "If you have a force that has to cannibalize equipment to keep some portion of it operational, that's not good for morale," he said.

The review will also check the missions of the military and ensure the United States can defend against new and emerging threats. "There is still a lot of rhetoric that sounds like the Cold War," Rumsfeld said.

He said he still hears people use "'Cold War-think' words" like "massive retaliation" and "strategic nuclear exchanges."

"The concern for the United States today is not a massive nuclear exchange with the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union is gone, it doesn't exist," Rumsfeld said. "Russia is there and that is a very different thing than the Soviet Union. We don't expect a massive attack across the North German Plain with tanks and artillery and that sort of thing."

So the military must reconfigure to meet these threats. Rumsfeld said a

quicker, more agile military is needed.

But the United States also must develop a range of defenses against asymmetrical attacks, he said, "so we can effectively deter and defend against threats that are new and emerging and are quite different than massive land or air wars, or nuclear exchanges."

He said the Persian Gulf War proved to countries hostile to the United States that it is not a good idea to directly challenge Western armies, navies or air forces.

Terrorism, cruise missiles, ballistic missiles, cyberwarfare, information warfare are all cheaper than land wars, and the technologies are already available, he said.

"The United States has to recognize these emerging threats and see that these are arranged so we are not vulnerable to terrorist or nuclear blackmail," he said.

Facing this broad range of threats, a Cold War standby — the idea of deterrence — has to change. Whereas deterrence meant deterring a nuclear attack, today it must deter a range of threats.

"The goal isn't to win a war," Rumsfeld said. "The goal is to be so capable of winning a war that you don't have to fight it. You dissuade and deter people from

engaging in mischief they otherwise might do."

Some form of missile defense is needed, and it also will be part of the review, he said. "With the end of the Cold War, proliferation has spread these technologies of weapons of mass destruction around the globe," he said.

"Any president looking at his responsibility as commander-in-chief would have to say that a policy designed to keep the American people totally vulnerable does not make much sense."

Rumsfeld will examine a system to defend the United States from a "relatively small number of ballistic missiles with weapons of mass destruction — regardless of whether the launch was accidental, unintentional or intentional."

He said such a system threatens no one and it should be of concern to no one. The only people who should be concerned about missile defense are those countries or organizations who intend to attack their neighbors. He said the United States would consult with allies and friends around the world about the system.

He concluded by saying missile defense ought to be deployed at the time that makes the most sense and when the technology evolves.

Murray named RIPO of the Year

*story by JO3 Cara Hunt
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LCDR Mike Murray received the "LCDR Joe Makoski Award" November 3, 2000 at the annual Reserve Intelligence Command conference in Norfolk. The award, which was presented by the Naval Reserve Intelligence Command, honors the outstanding Reserve Intelligence Area, Officer in Charge for the preceding fiscal year.

Murray credited his success to the person-

nel of RIA 15. He said, "I'm honored to accept this award in recognition of the man for whom it was named and in recognition of the people of RIA 15." He continued, "We are blessed here at RIA 15 with terrific men and women. [They] continue to make contributions to the national security of this country. They focus on the fleet to prepare the sailor for forward deployment or to prepare intelligence products to be used on deployment. If we enjoy any success it's because of the staff here."

RADM James Manzelmann, Commander, Naval Reserve Intelligence Command said of Murray, "[He] consistently personifies the strongest leadership skills in serving the Selected Reservists in his areas. LCDR Murray's leadership provided key improvements...and is a key link to the support the Naval Reserve Intelligence Program provides the Active Duty Navy."

RIA 15 serves approximately 285 officer and enlisted SELRES in 6 intelligence units. They provide support to Navy and joint commands worldwide.

HONORING SHIPMATES

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old in a body bag. "This was supposed to be my last cruise," Moser reflected.

Getting the injured off the ship and to the hospital proved to be a challenge. Injured personnel were first taken to the fueling dolphin. Then, they were transferred to a small boat and taken about a mile to shore where vehicles waited to take them to the hospital. It took about an hour and a half to get personnel off the ship.

Black soot had settled on the ship after the explosion. That, combined with the lack of clean water to wash hands, caused quite a rash of stomach sickness. On top of that, there was no food or water for some time. Flies invaded the area. There was also the smell of rotten food, chemicals, and fire with which they had to deal.

It was three days before the Marines got there to add to the measure of security. It was almost a week before the Crisis Intervention Response team ar-

rived. Power continued to come and go on the ship. Crewmembers were untrusting of the food being provided by the Yemenites. All in all, Moser recalled, it was plainly a tough time.

Moser said he was most impressed with the way the crew cared for one another. "I'm so proud of my shipmates," he said. They splinted each other, dressed wounds, carried injured in stretchers, supported each other. And once all that was tended to, Moser boasted, "they saved the ship."

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Rating exam testing moved to Sundays for NAR SELRES

*photos by JOC Steve Orr
NAVAIRES Norfolk Public Affairs*

Beginning with the February 2001 rating exam cycle, Selected Reservists eligible for advancement get an extra day to make sure their worksheets are in order and that other requirements are met prior to a Sunday test day.

The change was instituted by the Sewells Point Education Services Office to help cut down on potential problems for test takers.



Selected Reserves fill out preliminary information on their test sheets prior to beginning the test.



PNC(AW) Robert Ferrari of NAR Reserve Services acts as a proctor during the recent February advancement exam.

RESERVE NEWS

NAVAL RESERVE LAUNCHES INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

courtesy of Naval Reserve Force web site

New Orleans, La. - The Naval Reserve has launched several information technology (IT) projects in the past few months designed to make life easier for its more than 72,000 officers and enlisted personnel.

The first initiative is Naval Reserve Skills Online (NRSO), a web-based interactive database system that will allow Reservists to input and update their civilian and personal skills data. NRSO is a data query tool that Navy commands can use to find personnel with specific skills or experience. The URL is www.usnrskillsonline.com.

The second IT project to help Reservists is called the Naval Reserve Virtual Desktop. It will allow any drilling Reservist to access an Intranet, complete with e-mail access, real-time news, and information. The Intranet, which is located at <http://hq.cnrf.navy.mil> can be accessed using any Internet service provider and includes desktop functionality and applications.

"The virtual desktop can easily migrate to the soon-to-be launched Navy-Marine Corps Intranet," said Lieutenant Commander Greg Metzler, Naval Surface Reserve Force Director of Information Systems. "Based upon a 1999 survey by Commander, Naval Surface Reserve Force manpower officials, a majority of Reservists have Internet access at home, work, or school."

The third information technology project is the Naval Reserve Network (NAVRESNET). It will connect more than 170 Naval Reserve sites across the country. Over 80 of these sites are Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Centers. The Marines and the Navy are sharing a circuit as well as hardware at each of these sites.

For the first time, Naval Reserve centers and facilities will have full interconnectivity for transferring electronic data and e-mail.

NAVRESNET will be migrated to the Navy-Marine Corps Intranet and will be 100 percent complete in December, while NRSO and the Naval Reserve Virtual Desktop are already operational. For more information on the Naval Reserve go to <http://www.navres.navy.mil/navresfor/>.

IRS Site Answers Military Taxpayer Questions

By Jim Garamone American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1, 2001 — Doing taxes if you are in the military can be confusing. What do you report as income? If you were stationed in Bosnia or Kosovo for three months or were aboard ship in the Med, how much of your pay is taxable? How are moving expenses treated?

The answers to these and many other tax questions unique to military service are on the Internal Revenue Service Web site in the Armed Forces Tax Guide. Go to http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/pubs/p3toc.htm and start reading.

The publication addresses a slew of military tax issues such as areas declared as combat zone exclusions and how to handle income earned by resident alien spouses. It lists what income is taxable and, more

important, what is not. It lists exemptions and how to qualify for them.

Service members can request an extension for filing an income tax return if they meet certain provisions. The publication tells how to apply.

Speaking of returns, the IRS this year lets you file electronically, free and directly. You still need compliant computer software and forms, but you don't need to file through a tax preparer or other middleman unless you choose. "E-file" instructions are at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/elect_svs/efile-ind.html.

Need forms? You can get those over the Internet at the IRS forms page at http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/forms.html. Select a document format and then download all the forms you want.

Need a form, but not sure which one? Go

to a forms searcher at http://www.irs.gov/forms_pubs/findfiles.html and enter some key words. The search engine will point you to the right area.

How do you handle state taxes? The IRS forms page has a link to a state tax page prepared by Federation of Tax Administrators, or go there directly by manually keying <http://www.taxadmin.org/fta/forms.ssi>. Click "Local and State News" at the IRS site tree, http://www.irs.gov/search/site_tree.html, for links to individual state tax news pages and information about joint electronic federal-state tax filing.

States that also allow direct Internet tax filing include Colorado, Delaware, Illinois, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maryland, Louisiana, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia and Vermont.

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TAR Sailor stands tall in honor guard

story and photo by JO3 Cara Hunt
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Many sailors will say there is a unique sense of pride that comes from wearing the Navy uniform. There is no doubt that AT3 Dennis Carr stands just a little taller when he is wearing his dress blues with spats, an ascot, and an aiguelette.

Carr has been performing as an honor guard member for four years. He was a member of the "Flying Rifles" drill team in Pensacola during A-school. When he came on board VAW-78, one of his first questions was whether or not there was an honor guard. His second question was whether or not he could participate. Carr had to route a special request chit up the chain of command in order to perform on the honor guard. That was three years ago.

There are some advantages to serving on the honor guard Carr claims. The performances stand as the team members' duty in lieu of watch-standing responsibilities. Time in the honor guard can also help marks in the military bearing category of evaluations.

Carr has rubbed elbows with some top brass and seen some places he might not have otherwise, he boasted. He's also received several letters of appreciation and commendation.

The real attraction he said is the "opportunity to shine".

The rewards only come with a fair share of hard work, though.

The AIMD honor guard supports the

whole region. During the summer, the team performs as many as three times a week, according to Carr. The team usually practices once a week and before every performance.

Carr works as an "I-level" (intermediate level) technician at AIMD. He is TAD from VAW-78, the Fighting Escargots.

Other team members are AIMD personnel AZAN Leatric Fowler, AD3 Adan Garcia, and AZAN Shauna Strout.



AT3 Carr (second from right) stands proudly with fellow honor guard members during a recent ceremony.



Members of NR NAS Oceana 0186 collected dozens of toys during the holidays to donate to the annual Marine Toys For Tots project. The Marine Corps rewarded NAS Oceana 0186 with a special certificate of recognition for their efforts. (photo by JOC Steve Orr)

Numbers to Know Area Code (757)

Naval Station Norfolk Info	444-0000
NAVAIREs Duty Office	444-7295
NAVAIREs OOD	680-4927
NAVAIREs CMC	445-2592
NAVAIREs Reserve Services	444-2570
NAVAIREs Supply	444-2382
NAVAIREs Administration	444-2218
NAVAIREs Medical	314-6327
SEWELLS POINT PSD (Reserve)	445-6943
NAVSTA PSD (Customer Service)	444-0146/444-1038
Berthing Reservations	444-7466
S-30 Barracks	444-0706
Naval Station Norfolk BOQ	444-3250

Squadron Duty Office Numbers

VAW-78	445-1646
MAG-42	444-7818
VR-56	445-0746
HM-14	444-4295
HCS-4	445-1646
VFC-12	433-4919

Spotlight

Bidding farewell to an Intelligence institution Ben says goodbye to RIA 15, NAR

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Ben Felix, formerly of Regional Intelligence Area (RIA) 15, thinks that life as a retiree is going to fit him to a "T".

Well, make that a tee, as in golf tee.

Anyone who's known Ben for more than a week can appreciate his fondness for the links. I think that's the biggest thing I'm looking forward to," Ben confided. "I'm going to have a lot more time for golf."

Ben recently wrapped up more than 21 years of service to Naval Air Reserve Norfolk, and more specifically, 18 years of service for RIA 15.

There's going to be a lot to miss, Ben admitted, especially working with the people who committed to serve their country as Reservists. "I have really enjoyed working with so many dedicated individuals," he said. "They are good people, highly motivated."

There have been a lot of changes since he started working with the Naval Reserve, Ben reflected.

"The fact that Reservists are now drilling with their gaining commands is one very positive change I've seen," he said. "Reservists have become, and are continuing to be, more interactive with the active-duty component. Reservists have established themselves as an integral, necessary asset to their gaining commands and to the country."

It may not be well known, but Ben actually served for 20 years in the military, before retiring and joining the civil service in 1979. "When I first came into this job, the active duty Navy didn't appreciate what they had in their Reservists," Ben recalled. "The Reservist on AT was just the guy that they stuck off in a corner.

"That's really changed now. Cutbacks in the active duty forces have forced the military to become more reliant on the Reservist," he continued. "Now the military cannot maintain the high tempo without the Reservist."



Ben practices his swing during a break from his job as assistant RIPO.

And now the Reserve community, and RIA 15 in particular, must carry on without Ben Felix and his enthusiastic support. But that's okay, Ben said. He's in the process of starting a new life in North Carolina, where he's moved with his wife.

What's that new life include? "Charity work is something I'm going to be more involved with," Ben said. Oh, yeah. And golf.

There's more than 100 courses around the Myrtle Beach area alone.

And Ben plans to play them all.